

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's third Congressional district, I extend our deepest appreciation to Mr. Sean Mullin for his dedicated service.

IN MEMORY OF COURTNEY
LYKINS, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a great American, Courtney Lykins, Jr. Mr. Lykins lived in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and passed away on December 15, 2021.

Mr. Lykins served our nation proudly in the United States Army Reserves from 1970 to 1997. He served in the 100th Division, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade as Sergeant First Class/E7, Senior Drill Sergeant, and Senior Tank Commander. He trained soldiers heading to Vietnam in 1970 when he served at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Mr. Lykins was an active member of the American Legion, Post 22 in Mt. Sterling. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of his service and accomplishments.

Mr. Lykins worked at Hobart Manufacturing Company for ten years. He then worked for Kentucky Utilities, LGE in Mt. Sterling for 32 years until his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife, Janet Wilson Lykins, two sons and daughters in law, Chuck and Nancy Lykins and Wesley and Allison Lykins, and six grandchildren. In addition, he leaves behind two brothers and two sisters.

Courtney Lykins was a follower of Christ, a true patriot, and a loving family man. It is my honor to lift up the life of Courtney Lykins before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING MR. GREGORY
RUSHIN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Mr. Gregory Rushin, a steadfast leader who has dedicated nearly forty years of distinguished public service at various levels of government.

Mr. Rushin's career began in 1979, where he served the town of Lewiston, Illinois, as a Deputy Sheriff. Prior to assuming this position, Greg completed his Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration at Western Illinois University and his Master of Science Degree in Human Relations and Business at Amber University.

In an effort to further expand his knowledge, Mr. Rushin sought additional training and educational opportunities that allowed him to develop skills essential to being an effective leader in law enforcement. In doing so, he graduated from the FBI Academy, the FBI National Academy, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program, and Harvard's Senior Management Institute for Police. Additionally, for three years he would reside in the Washington, D.C., area where he gained invaluable experience serving as a Special Agent with the FBI.

In June of 1982, Greg began his nearly 34-year career with the Plano Police Department, the latter 18 years of which he assumed the position of Chief of Police. As a result of his leadership, Chief Rushin was selected to serve as Plano's Deputy City Manager where he is responsible for overseeing the City's Public Safety Departments encompassing services including Animal Services, Fire and Rescue, Police, and Emergency Management.

Mr. Rushin's commitment to our community has been evidenced by his membership and past leadership positions within several organizations including as the President of the Texas Police Chief's Association as well as on multiple boards of directors, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Collin County Child Advocacy Board, the Plano Youth Leadership Board, the Medical City Plano Citizen Advisory Board, and the Brett Adkins Foundation Board. Due to his dedication and contributions to the Plano community, it is no surprise that Greg was recognized as one of the 21 for the 21st Century by Inside Collin County Business.

While Greg has created a tremendous legacy of servant leadership, it is evident that respect for his efforts run deep among all who have had the pleasure of working with him. Now, as Mr. Greg Rushin prepares to begin a new season of life, it is with a deep sense of gratitude I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his exemplary contributions throughout his career in public service while wishing him and his family all the best in this next chapter.

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 6

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the anniversary of January 6th to reflect on a horrific day for our institution and our democracy.

One year ago today, violent terrorists attacked our Capitol—the seat of our democracy, and what I used to think was one of the safest places in the world. I don't think that anymore.

On that day, in the House gallery when the Capitol was breached, I sat alongside my colleagues in confusion and panic. I feared for my life. We heard the shot. We saw the tear gas coming in from under the door—but didn't know what it was. I struggled to get my gas mask on, because I couldn't hear the instructions over the chaos. I lost my glasses for a period of time.

We were evacuated, running down the halls and stairs past a part of the mob that was being held down at gunpoint. We sheltered for hours in a room packed shoulder-to-shoulder with people. Then we went back to finish the job. Because that's what we had been there to do in the first place—certify the results of a free and fair election.

That day shows that we can't take our democracy for granted. We still must fight to protect it every day, because there are still many people, including some of my Republican colleagues, who want to undermine it.

I'm thankful to the Department of Justice, FBI, and law enforcement agencies across the

country who are working to prosecute and bring to justice those who planned and participated in the violence. But there is still a long way to go—we won't have true justice until those in positions of power who helped inspire and enable the mob are put on trial. To that end, I appreciate the work of my colleagues on the January 6 committee to bring to light all the details of that day, including the role of the Trump administration. I also want to again thank the journalists who were with us that day and who worked fearlessly through the attack to make sure everyone saw what was really happening.

Most importantly, I thank our Capitol Police Officers for selflessly protecting us that day. My thoughts are with the families and friends of the officers who lost their lives because of the attack. We will always remember and honor their sacrifice.

Today, I no longer feel safe at work, and I still fear for our country because so many people want to forget the events of that day, or flat out deny that they happened. We won't forget, we won't let the American people forget, and we won't stop working every day to preserve our freedoms.

RECOGNIZING LESTER CASH ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lester Cash on his exemplary 37 years of service to the Federal Government, including 24 years at the Department of Health and Human Services.

After growing up in North Carolina, Lester Cash began his federal career as a statistician planning for the 1990 Census, which was followed by a decade as a senior examiner at the Office of Management and Budget. In 1997, Mr. Cash moved to HHS and spent eight years overseeing budgets for some of the Federal Government's most important agencies, including the NIH, CDC, and FDA. In 2005, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

Since 2007, Mr. Cash has served as HHS's Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, often managing the most difficult budgetary issues across a Department whose programs and services reach virtually every American at some point in their lives—from Head Start for early childhood education to Medicare for seniors.

Throughout his 24 years of service at HHS's Office of Budget, Mr. Cash frequently served as the Department's liaison to the Committees on Appropriations. During that time, he became an indispensable resource to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. Mr. Cash's budgetary and programmatic expertise has helped the subcommittee to draft annual appropriations bills and emergency supplementals—for which I am deeply grateful.

Most recently, Mr. Cash provided important technical assistance on emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the COVID pandemic. He has been instrumental in HHS's procurement of life-saving vaccines,

therapeutics, and antivirals, as well as the distribution of emergency relief funding to healthcare providers affected by the pandemic.

In 2018, Mr. Cash earned the Presidential Rank Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the Federal career civil service, which recognizes members of the Senior Executive Service for “sustained extraordinary

accomplishment.” It was aptly awarded and richly deserved.

In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Cash has earned three master’s degrees, including a master’s degree in public policy from Duke University, a master’s degree in philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a master’s degree in theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

I thank Mr. Cash for his tireless public service—which often included long days, evenings, and weekends—as he worked to ensure that critical health and human services programs had the necessary resources to serve millions of American families who relied on them. His talents and contributions will be sorely missed.

I congratulate him on a distinguished career and wish him the best in his upcoming retirement.